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1. WE NOTE FROM REFTELS THAT RENEGOTIATED EC-MAGHREB AGREEMENTS HAVE NOW BEEN SIGNED AND EC-MASHRAQ NEGOTIATIONS ARE UNDER WAY. BELIEVE US SHOULD (A) BEGIN TO PREPARE FOR GATT HANDLING OF THE MAGHREB AGREEMENTS AND (B) ASSESS WHETHER THE MASHRAQ NEGOTIATIONS INVOLVE ANY ELEMENTS OF DIFFICULTY FOR THE US WHICH MIGHT BETTER BE HANDLED BY BILATERAL REPRESENTATIONS WITH THE EC NOW THAN LEFT TO CAUSE DIFFICULTIES IN THE GATT LATER.

2. MISSION PREVIOUSLY REPORTED REQUEST BY EC TO CLARIFY US POSITION ON GATT HANDLING OF MEDITERRANEAN AGREEMENTS (74 GENEVA 811) AS FIRST DISCUSSED IN CASEY-SOAMES MEETINGS. OUR READING OF SUBSEQUENT TRAFFIC ON DISCUSSIONS
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WITH THE EC ON SUBJECT INDICATES THAT WE HAVE AGREED

NOT TO CHALLENGE AGREEMENTS ON GROUNDS OF INCONSISTENCY WITH GATT ARTICLE XXIV SO LONG AS EC (A) DOES NOT SEEK REVERSE PREFERENCES, (B) DOES NOT PROLIFERATE LDC AGREEMENTS OUTSIDE SPECIFIED CRITERIAL AND REGION AND (C) IS WILLING TO SEEK SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS CAUSED BY SPECIAL PREFERENCES IN EC MARKET (EXAMPLE, 74 STATE 273507, PARA 14). US HAS OFTEN CAUTIONED EC THAT SPECIAL PREFERENCES ON CITRUS, TOBACCO, AND RICE WERE ITEMS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST.

3. UNCLEAR TO US HERE WHETHER MASHRAQ NEGOTIATIONS CONSTITUTE PROLIFERATION BEYOND TERMS OF US-EC UNDERSTANDING. TOO, WE COULD NOT FULLY EVALUATE WHETHER EC STILL "SEEKING" REVERSE PREFERENCES; PARA 4 OF REFTEL (D) ON EC-TUNISIA, MOROCCO AGREEMENT DOES SUGGEST AN EC ATTACHMENT TO THE CONCEPT. HOWEVER, WE WOULD HOPE THAT THE MATTER OF WHAT THE EC IS GOING TO DO FOR US TO EASE BURDENS TO US EXPORT TRADE CAUSED BY SPECIAL PREFERENCES ON CITRUS, TOBACCO, AND RICE WOULD BE ADDRESSED BEFORE WE DECIDE ON OUR POSTURE IN GATT TOWARD AGREEMENTS WHICH VIEWED OBJECTIVELY, ARE HOPELESSLY INCONSISTENT WITH THE GENERAL AGREEMENT.

4. ASSUME OUR AGREEMENT TO FACILITATE GATT HANDLING OF LOME CONVENTION DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN WE WOULD HAVE TO DO THE SAME FOR EC-MEDITERRANEAN AGREEMENTS. IF ASSUMPTION IS CORRECT, WE WOULD HOPE THIS HAS BEEN MADE CLEAR TO EC AS WELL.

5. ALL OF THESE MATTERS SHOULD HAVE A BEARING ON WHAT THE US WILL WANT TO SAY IN GATT WP ON EC-ISRAEL AGREEMENT AND IN WP ON LOME CONVENTION, BOTH OF WHICH ARE SCHEDULED FOR THIS SPRING (GENEVA 765). THUS, WE URGE WASHINGTON FOCUS ON ABOVE CONSIDERATIONS NOW. BRUNGART

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